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## UM 1728 PGE Updates to Schedule 201 Staff Procedural Update

This announcement describes OPUC Staff's updated process to address PGE's post-IRP avoided cost update to standard QF rates.

### Background

On March 18, 2024, PGE filed its post-IRP avoided cost update with an effective date of April 17, 2024.<sup>1</sup> In addition to filing its standard avoided cost rate updates, the Company requested a waiver of the Commission's May 1 annual avoided cost update requirement due to the proximity to the avoided cost updates currently under review. On March 29, 2024, OSSIA filed a request to waive the 30-day effective date for post-IRP avoided cost updates to provide more time for review. OSSIA requested that PGE's post-IRP avoided cost update come before the Commission at the May 28, 2024 public meeting.

Staff provides the below plan to address both OSSIA's and PGE's waiver requests.

### Staff Procedural Plan

Staff proposes to bring both waiver requests before the Commission at the Regular Public Meeting on April 16, 2024. Staff plans to recommend that both waivers be granted and the Commission set consideration of PGE's updated standard avoided cost rates for the May 14, 2024 Regular Public Meeting.

Staff agrees that additional time for review is warranted because the Company is still in the process of making corrections to its filing and providing the workpapers requested to verify the methods directed by the Commission in PGE's 2023 IRP. However, Staff seeks to balance this with the need for parties to devote our focus to UM 2000, which will continue to ramp up throughout May.

If the Commission adopts Staff's recommendations at the April 16, 2024 Regular Public Meeting, Staff will be able to incorporate stakeholder comments received by **April 25, 2024**. Staff reiterates that stakeholders may file comments for the Commission's consideration any time prior to the public meeting, but Staff cannot commit to incorporating comments into its analysis and recommendations after April 25<sup>th</sup>. Staff also notes that it does not intend to expand the scope of review for the UM 1728 post-IRP filing beyond the inputs traditionally updated and those that were updated because of the Commission's decision in PGE's 2023 IRP. Staff requests that parties focus advocacy for broader methodological changes in the current UM 2000 docket.

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<sup>1</sup> OAR 860-029-0085 (3) requires that post-IRP avoided cost updates be effective 30 days after filing unless otherwise determined by the Commission.